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Three students campaign for top ASI seat

Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the world of Associated Students Inc., the chair of the Board of Directors' role is one of the highest. This year, three candidates will compete for the title of chair, a position that requires understanding of parliamentary procedure, leadership skills and the ability to handle important campus issues.

110 percent involvement

Political science junior Eddie Drake said his vision for ASI isn't just fluffy

rhetoric. He firmly believes that student leaders should be working toward fulfillment.

"Working in ASI reminds me that one person can actually effect change at this university," Drake said. "I don't do something unless I am a 110 percent believer in it. That goes for ASI, my degree and my future."

Drake is no stranger to student government. During his three years at Cal Poly, he has served on numerous committees, including the Master Plan subcommittee and the El Corral Advisory Committee. He is currently the College of Liberal Arts

representative on the Board of Directors.

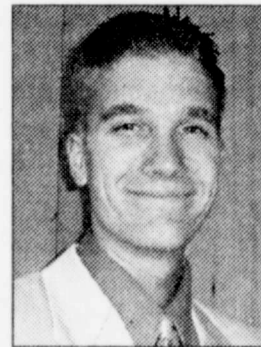
"If anything, I have learned that there is no 'I' in 'team,'" Drake said. "I know that sounds cliché, but it couldn't be more accurate."

Some may argue that professionalism inside board meetings is one of ASI's biggest problems, but Drake said a greater issue is student outreach.

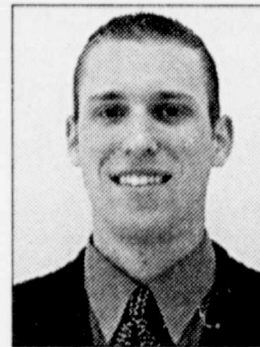
"If I am elected chair, that will change," Drake said. "The Student Advocacy Council will be created as a brand-new program offered by ASI to deal only, and

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Chair of the board candidates



EDDIE DRAKE:
Political science
junior



KRIS ELLIOTT:
Agriculture
science junior



MELISSA VARCAK:
Business junior

Club remembers surfing founder

By Monica McHugh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Pismo Beach Surf Club dedicated a memorial bench to one of its charter members on Saturday.

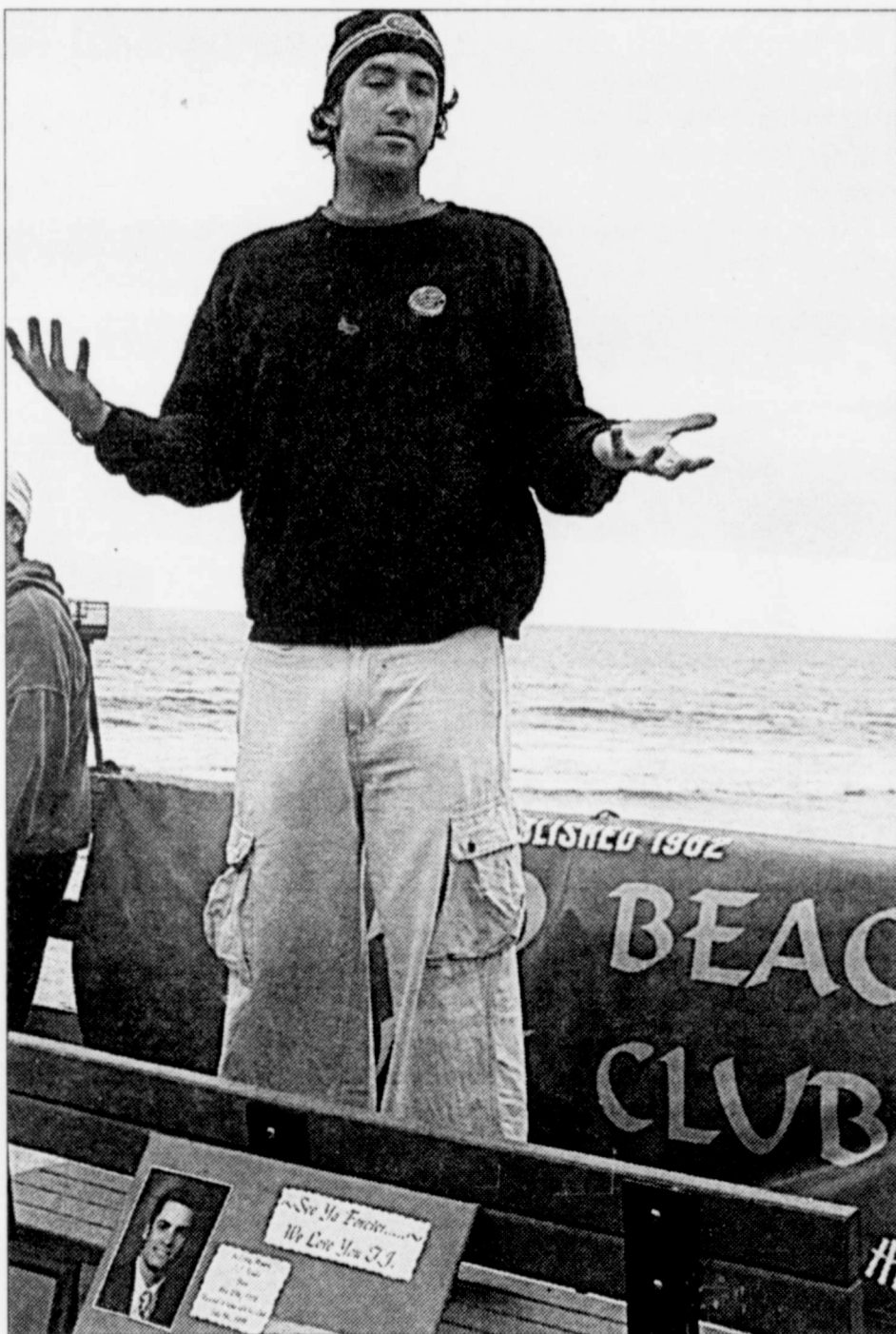
Thomas Jordan Ramler, known as T.J., 21, was killed last July in an auto accident.

His memorial, located on the second diamond from the parking lot at the pier, reads, "In memory of T.J. Ramler, a positive role model for young and old, who always surfed with a smile and was courteous to others in the water."

Ramler surfed longboards all over the area and was one of the first to help in the creation of the Surf Club. He was active in San Luis Obispo County's Grace Church and was a Christian counselor at the Lake Hume Christian Conference Center.

"He was a good surfer and a role model. He had fun, was laid-back and never pushed anything on anybody," said Andy Aquino, vice president of the Pismo Beach Surf Club.

The Pismo Beach Surf Club is a family-oriented, community service club. It was founded five years ago with the motto, "The best surfer in the water is the one having the most fun."



MARGARET SHEPARD/MUSTANG DAILY

The Pismo Beach Surf Club dedicated a memorial bench to one of its founders, Thomas Jordan Ramler, Saturday morning. Ramler, pictured at bottom, was killed in an auto accident last July.

30 hope to represent respective colleges

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the upcoming election, there are currently 30 students seeking to represent Cal Poly's population of 16,000. Twenty-four students will fill the open Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors positions.

"It's a compilation of students from all the respective colleges that is the official voice of the students," said Melissa Varcak, the board's vice chairwoman.

Similar to the House of Representatives, each college's representation is determined by its portion of the student body. The most seats go to the colleges of Agriculture, Engineering and Liberal Arts with five representatives each. The colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design have the fewest seats to fill, with two.

Varcak said the vice chair is appointed by the chair of the board from this body.

"The Board of Directors runs a multi million dollar corporation," Varcak said. "The corporation consists of the University Union, the Rec Center and the Children's Center. The Board of Directors makes policy for the corporation and oversees a staff of approximately 65 full-time employees and about 250 student employees."

Aside from these responsibilities, Varcak said that the Board of Directors is designed to represent student opinion.

Chairman of the board Damien Johnson said, "The board has the power to make two types of decisions — bills and resolutions."

Bills are governing policies on how the corporation runs its enterprises, he said.

Johnson said the resolutions are most important because they are statements of student opinion. These stances are then forwarded to the ASI president as the official voice of the student body.

When making decisions, President Baker may either ask the ASI president or the board directly for an opinion, Johnson said. Either way, the board can express student opinion to the administration.

On past issues, the board has passed resolutions that concern parking, campus safety, lighting and busing.

Students are encouraged to bring concerns to the board, Johnson said.

The board meets every Wednesday evening, and the first 15 minutes is reserved for the board to hear student concerns.

"No action can be taken that night, but the board will look into the concern," Johnson said.

Another method is to go through student clubs or college councils. Clubs report to college councils, which work with the college's members on the Board of Directors.

The chair of the board is an elected position and does not represent a specific college.

Board candidates

Agriculture (5 seats):

Marc Busalacchi
Erik Jones
Chris Madsen
Michael Mora
Christina Tilma

Architecture (2):

Brian Caruso
Kevin Cleary
Liberty Lewis
James Smith-Welby

Engineering (5):

Scott Davis
Elohim Holguin
Bryan Pennino
Zachary Smith
Ryan Stotts

Science and Math (3):

Michael Hanson
Tuan Nguyen
Lewis Smith

Liberal Arts (5):

Ciera Graves
Angela Hacker
Layne Heggen
Matthew McCollum
Simon Robertshaw

Business (4):

Jacob Anderson
Trevor Ashley
Michael Chapel
Robert Hernandez
Joseph Moses
Corey Reihl
Andrea Richina
Gregory Szalay

Machado means business for ASI

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Business marketing junior Vincent Machado decided to run for Associated Students Inc. president because he believes his strong business skills will be an asset to ASI.

"I think what has been mistaken for ASI is ASB — a high school-type program," said Machado, a write-in candidate. "People forget ASI is an \$8 million corporation, and it needs to be run by a person with a business background."

Machado spent last spring quarter taking international business classes in Italy and said he came away from the experience with a firm understand-

ing of the corporate world.

Although he does not have any previous ASI experience, Machado said he feels that this diversity from the other three candidates will help him reach out to the student population.

"I think Cal Poly is so diverse and we're located in our own colleges, which means we're already separated," Machado said. "I want to unite Cal Poly and create awareness."

Machado advocates distributing money to the separate colleges, rather than giving it to the university to distribute.

"I want to see a budget that stresses the impor-

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VINCENT MACHADO:
Business junior
and ASI president
write-in candidate

CHAIR

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specifically, with students of the general population."

Apathy on the Board of Directors is another problem that Drake said he will try to change.

"It saddens me to know that in nearly every board meeting, I see over half of the elected representatives watching the clocks and waiting for the moment when the meeting is over," Drake said. "It is sad to see that some of the representatives are sitting on their hands while real issues are demanding real attention."

Drake said student representatives should be held accountable for their proposals, votes and elections. He will advocate this idea by putting all decisions made by the board online.

"The board needs leadership and a chair who will require thorough training to make sure that representatives hit the ground running in fall, ready to get things done," he said.

A credible candidate

While most candidates focus on what they will accomplish as chair of the board, agricultural science junior Kris Elliott would like to pay more attention to the board itself.

"It is the heart and soul of ASI," Elliott said. "As chair, I will provide the necessary training so that the board can be more efficient, effective and responsive to the needs of students."

Elliott has held his position of College of Agriculture representative to the Board of Directors for three years. He has developed his team-

building and communication skills through involvement in various clubs and organizations on campus. Elliott has also had the opportunity to present leadership skills to high school students and has 10 years of parliamentary procedure experience.

Elliott said he would use his leadership knowledge to train the board members to produce more results for the students.

"No one takes the board seriously," Elliott said. "Students don't see any results from their student government due to the inefficiency of the board."

Credibility is also a trait in which Elliott firmly believes.

"My focus on credibility sets me apart from the other candidates," Elliott said. "Before the board can be taken seriously, directors must present themselves in a professional manner."

During his time as a representative, Elliott has noticed that members are not working to their full capacity. As chair of the board, Elliott said he would concentrate on improving the board as a functioning group.

"Over the past three years, I have seen potential in all of the new directors go untapped," Elliott said. "Through training and better efficiency on the board, I want to unleash the potential of each director to bring results back to the students."

Minority rules

As the only female candidate running for an executive position in ASI, business junior Melissa Varcak hopes to bring her previous ASI experience to a gender-imbalanced student government.

"Besides the fact that I carry a different hormone, I have also worked at

a deeper level within ASI as vice chair, which has given me a more intense understanding of the corporation," Varcak said.

As chair of the board, Varcak wants to create a strong board of director system so that when new board members arrive, a working system is in place.

"You need a solid base with ASI before you can start getting people involved," Varcak said. "That base is structured around increasing the education at ASI and what is possible to accomplish as students."

Varcak's previous leadership experience ranges from College of Business representative to the Board of Directors to her current position as vice chairwoman of programs and services. As a board member, Varcak put forth legislation regarding the credit/no credit grading policy and worked on lowering evening parking pass prices. Last year, she was the sole creator of ASI Week when no one else would take on the job.

Understanding the chair of the Board of Directors' position is the key to performing the job well, Varcak said.

"It is not what he/she can individually do, but what he/she can facilitate the board into doing," she said. "My vision is to empower students with a working knowledge of ASI so that they can act as true representatives."

Varcak describes ASI as her passion. She wants to give students the opportunity to fulfill their leadership potential and, in turn, improve ASI.

"Many people pour their heart and soul into an organization," Varcak said. "I have and want to continue doing that for ASI."

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tance of the different colleges," he said.

As a Phi Delta Theta member, Machado said he faced opposition from many Greeks who feared that his decision to run for office would take votes away from candidate Aron DeFerrari. This has not stopped him, though, and Machado continues his drive for the position of president.

Corrections

Two previous ASI elections stories incorrectly stated candidates' class standing. Sam Aborne is an engineering senior and Melissa Varcak is a business junior.

The story, "Greenpeace leader says trees are answer," on April 20, misidentified the speaker. Patrick Moore, one of Greenpeace's founders, has not been affiliated with Greenpeace since 1986.

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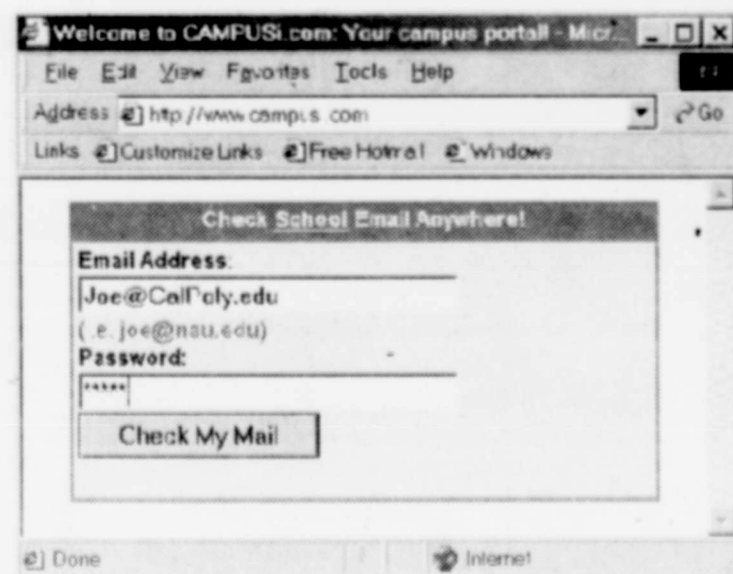
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Your Body

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Get pumped for spring training

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Pumping iron, buffing up, defying gravity. Whatever it's called, lifting weights is a staple of working out.

There are many health benefits associated with using weight resistance

in a regular exercise regimen. It increases the number of calories a body burns, contributes to a healthier heart and reduces blood pressure. Weight training builds a better body inside while toning muscle and improving appearance outside.

"People think they're just going to

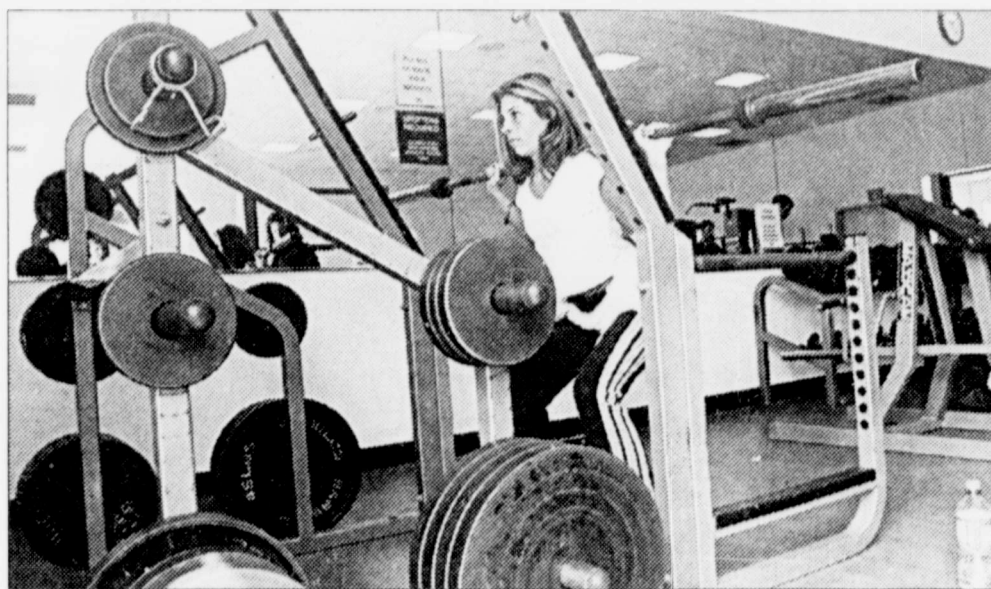
get big and bulky," said Rec Center personal trainer Jesse Legaspi. "But weight training is needed to maintain weight and a healthy lifestyle."

However, Legaspi advises using caution when beginning a program.

"If not done in a proper way, (weight training) can cause muscle tears and soreness."

It is important to take things slowly. Speeding through exercise is more likely to cause injury than offer you the long-term benefits of weight training, according to thriveonline.com.

One matter of controversy concerning weight training concerns nutritional supplements. Creatine, glucosamine and chromium picolinate are at the forefront of the debate, and almost every personal trainer holds a different opinion on the supplements.



MARGARET SHEPARD/MUSTANG DAILY

Students work out to gain strength and improve balance and tone.

To learn more, try attending a free Rec Center workshop. There will be a nutrition and supplements session April 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in building 53, room 215.

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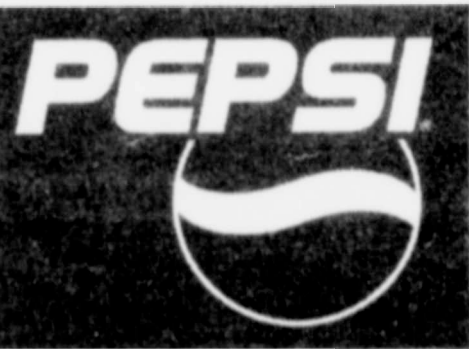
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While fasting, extra water is excreted in urine, causing only temporary weight loss.

Another problem with fasting is that restricted calories compel the body to use its own tissue for fuel. The body converts muscle tissue more easily than fat tissue, so it draws energy from muscles and major organs like the heart.

The only effective weight loss plans are those which involve long-term and permanent changes in eating and exercise habits.

Students who use starvation diets for quick results end up hurting their bodies in the long run. If you feel the need to lose weight, do not take the attitude of depriving yourself of important nutrients.

Consider sticking to a healthy diet and getting involved in physical activity. Diet and exercise go hand in hand.

*To visit a dietitian, go to the American Dietetic Association Web site at www.eatright.org.

Katy Kinninger is a nutritional science senior who writes a weekly column for Your Body.



Katy Kinninger

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Financial aid office is not about aiding

There are many kind, considerate and helpful people who work for the financial aid department. Furthermore, I am certain that the kindness of these people is not limited to their services at our university. I'd be willing to bet that they go home and are equally kind, considerate and helpful to their spouses, children and neighbors. In fact, I would even be willing to say that the world, in some small way, is a better place as a result of the kindness, consideration and helpfulness of many of the folks who spend their days on the other side of the counter at the financial aid office.



Craig Weber

However, the financial aid department as a whole is neither kind, considerate nor helpful. In fact, it's just plain mean. It doesn't matter how smiley and cheerful the people behind the counter are if the agency they work for is domi-

nated by bureaucratic red tape, archaic procedures and stupid rules and regulations.

For instance: Throughout my entire career as a Cal Poly Mustang, I have applied for financial aid. This means that I have done the FASFA hoop-jumping routine four times now, and each time, my account has been selected for "review." For those of you who have never been selected for this process, it goes a little something like this:

Financial aid: "We see that you actually earned 10 cents in interest on that savings account of yours. We think that you are trying to hide something from us. Please submit all of your bank statements from the 1986 fiscal year, your spelling tests from second grade and a urine sample."

Me: "What?! I don't have all of those things, I'm just a poor college student. Can't you help me?"

Financial aid: "Uh-huh, that's nice, your student loan will not be processed until you prove to us that you really want it by complying with our request. By the way, we will also require that you supply us with all of your cancelled checks, and we'd like to take a look at that penny collection you've got stashed away ..."

Each time I've gone through this process it's made little difference over my final financial aid award.

In other words, what I initially told them about my financial situation was true, and all of the superfluous paperwork proved to be unnecessary to them and traumatic to me.

I think it's only fair that we, as students, insist that the financial aid office change its title. There's not enough "aid" happening there to justify the name. Perhaps financial "we're mean" or financial "if you're lucky, we won't screw with your life" would be more fitting.

Craig Weber is a city and regional planning senior who is changing his name after graduation to avoid paying off student loans.



Greek system should be eliminated from colleges

Editor,

Hazing. I've got a better idea: Eliminate fraternities and sororities completely. I think the issue here is not so much the hazing — that is merely a symptom — but the archaic, useless notion of a fraternal order. There are so many things wrong with these organizations that it's hard to decide what to pick apart first.

Let's look at the arguments that someone from these organizations might present for their continued existence. They might say that their association provides a service to the students for various reasons. They might include things like friendship, a home away from home, a stable learning environment, job placement assistance and the fact that one would be associating with their peers — people who have the same interests as their "brothers" or "sisters." (And I'm not just making these statements up. These are actual arguments I've heard.)

Of course, most everyone knows that these statements are superficial and ancillary to the real motivation for joining. In fact, many of the true reasons for "rushing" to become a card-carrying member are contradictory to the aforementioned claims — diametrically opposed, if you will.

Let's take the argument that people are joining for friendship. The hazing problem pretty much buries that argument. Who in their right mind would join an organization that shames and ridicules them? I'll tell you. It's those with already low self-esteem who succumb to peer pressure and other means of persuasion to gain acceptance and the illusion of friendship and family. These institutions are antithetical to the needs of these individuals, who join them for exactly the reasons that they should not.

For those who would argue that being subjugated and humiliated builds charac-

ter — that it makes you a stronger person — I say this: bull---.

Nobody yet has given me an even halfway decent argument that this kind of treatment is in any way beneficial. (And if you try to use the Armed Forces and/or boot camp in your argument, I will shoot you down with an iron-clad argument to the contrary).

I want to skip to the idea that one can associate with one's peers and thus achieve a feeling of belonging. Herein lies the greatest disservice of all, which all students receive at the hands of these organizations. This is segregation at its worst. I have seen it, I have heard it, and I have had the idea defended to my face, but I still form the opinion that the feeling of superiority one gains through association with a single segment of society does not go a long way toward improving understanding and friendship between the disparate elements of our society.

One of the higher aims of college has to be to increase a person's awareness of the world around them. Even today's colleges make an overture to the idea by requiring token courses in the arts and humanities, but these courses are woefully inadequate when forced to go toe-to-toe with real-life experiences. The students should be exposed to new ideas and circumstances; they should have their preconceptions challenged and be forced to evaluate both themselves and the world about them in light of new knowledge. This should happen outside the classroom as well as in it. In fact, it must happen, if any of the lessons learned in class are to have a practical application in the real world.

But how is this possible if fraternities and sororities are exclusionary, supercilious cliques that only succeed in perpetuating the most Neanderthal and utterly back-

ward ideals of humanity? How can they justify their culture-specific, or gender-specific or creed-specific predilections? How does one experience college through this myopic lens? The openness of college is lauded and extolled to prospective students in fliers and other public relations paraphernalia, yet that openness appears as a myth of epic proportions when one sees groups of "sisters" and "brothers" wandering on campus in their exclusive groups, wearing their exclusive colors, and muttering their exclusive phrases. Save me, it's high school all over again.

There is bound to be a certain level of stratification on campus regardless of the level of involvement of fraternities or sororities; that much I admit. What I want to know is why associations that implicitly work to further this stratification should be tacitly accepted or even openly encouraged by this university. This collusion by the rank-and-file administration (many of whom I assume were part of fraternities or sororities and so less likely to take action against them) undermines my confidence in their ability to make rational decisions about students' collective best interests. Such gross negligence by these organizations, which clearly endangers the health and well-being of students (i.e. hazing, contributing to the delinquency of the minor, etc.), should garner them more than a tap on the wrist. These organizations should be banned from campus. The glaringly obvious primary obligation of the administration of this and other universities is the safety and well-being of the students. When this obligation is not met, students have a right to question the motivation and reasoning of these officials.

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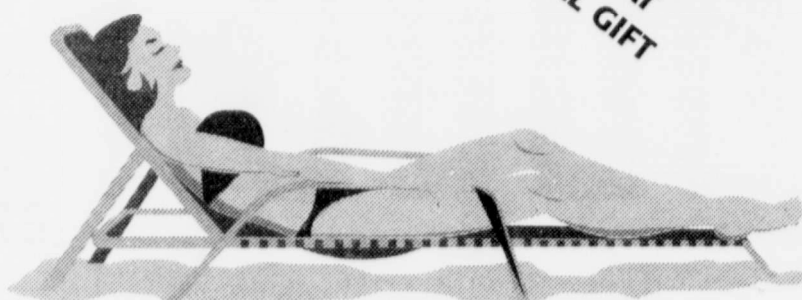
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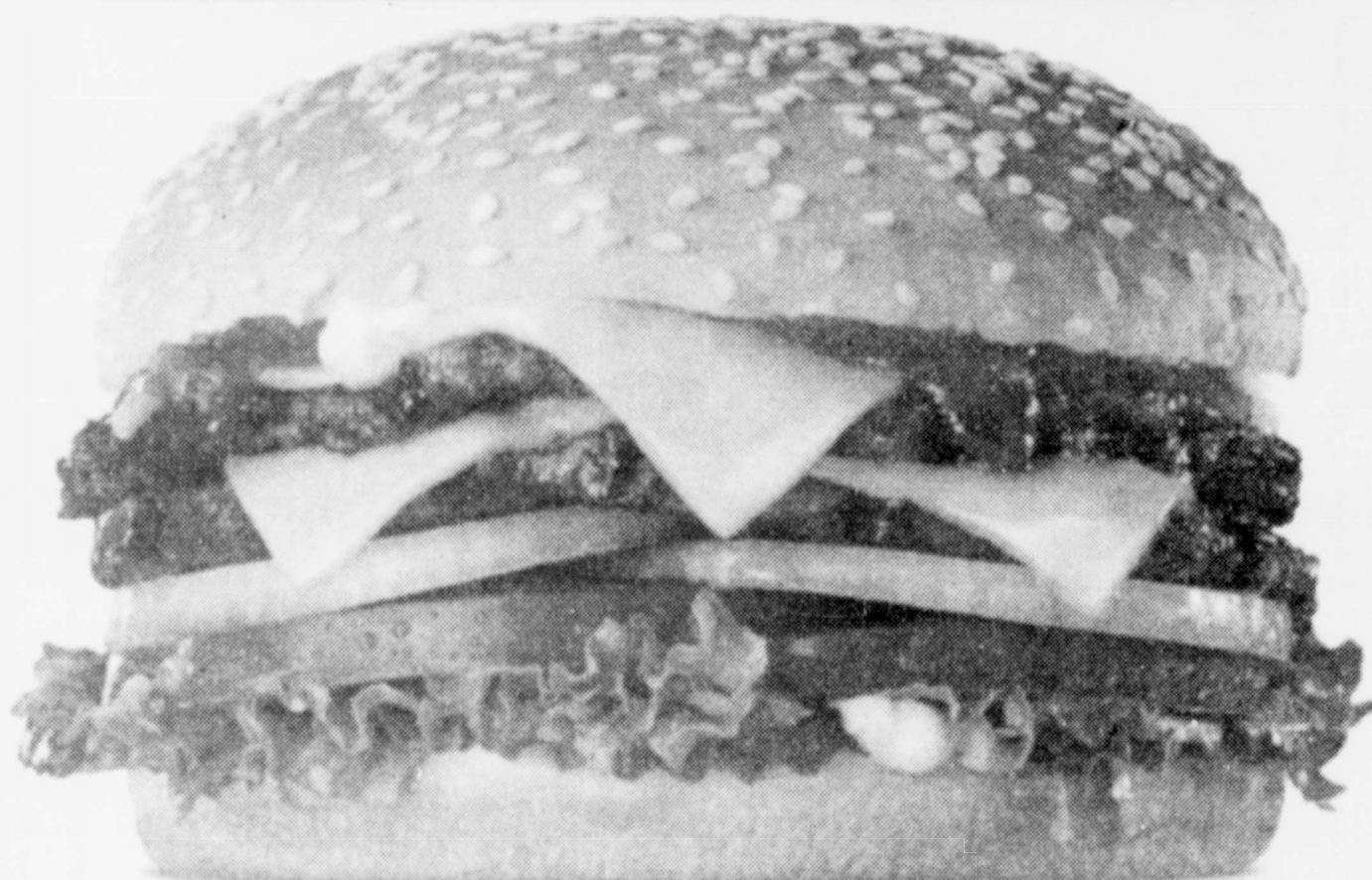
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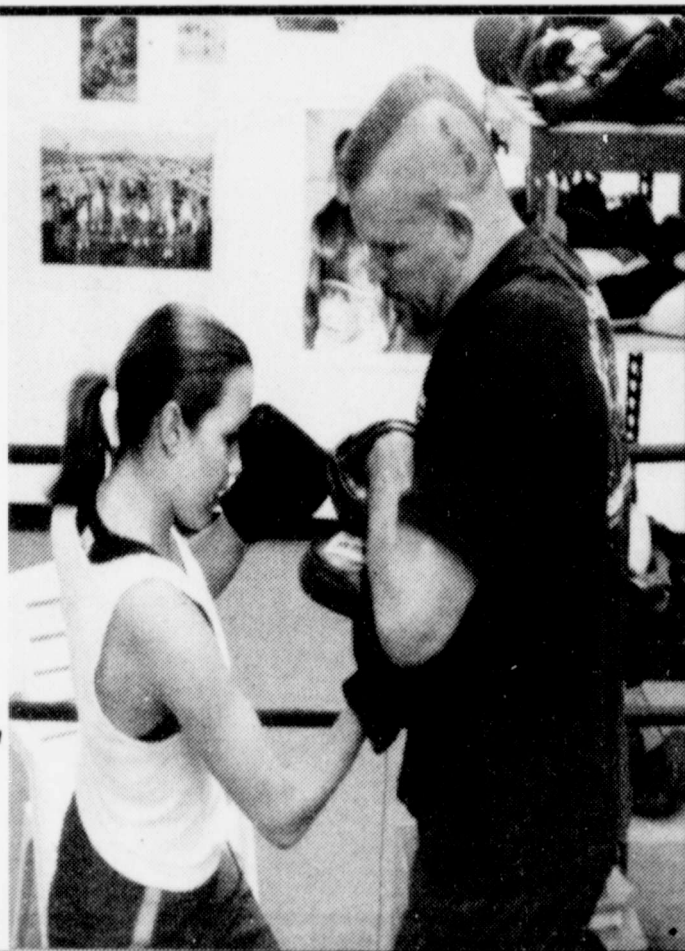
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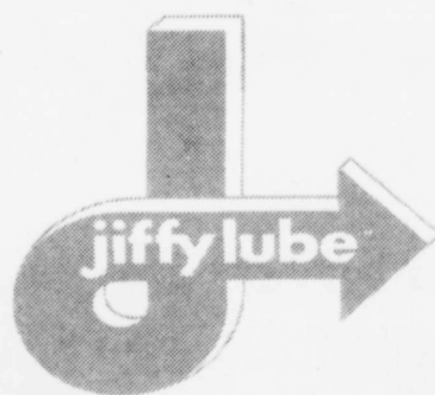
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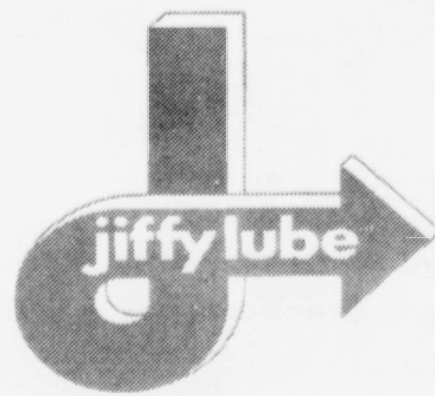
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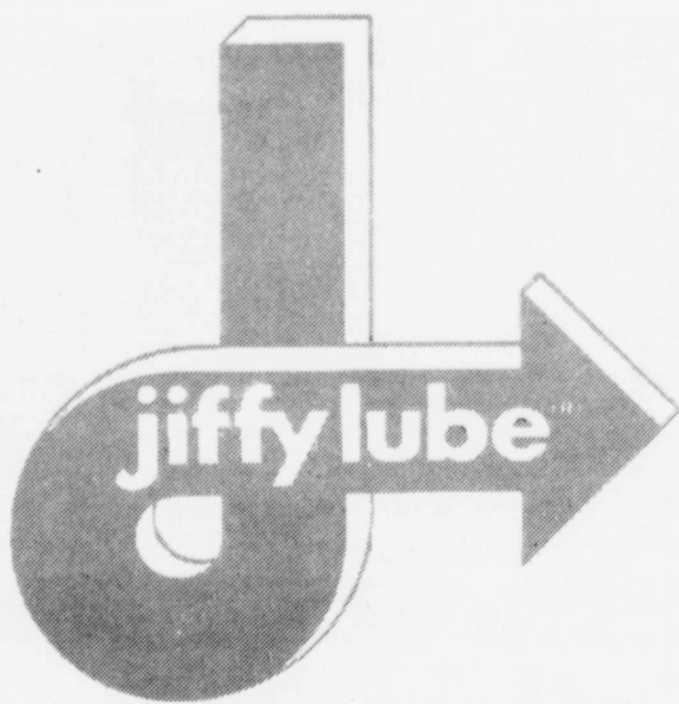
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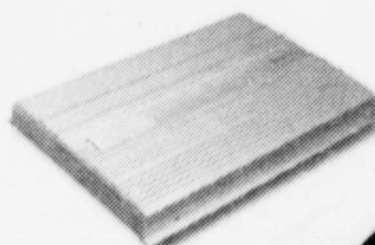
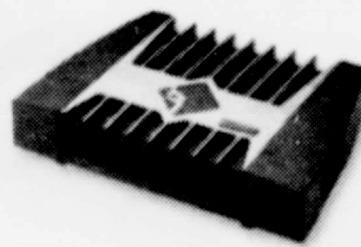
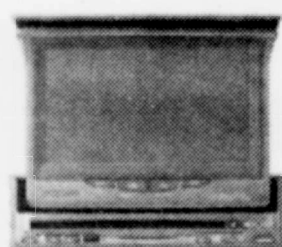
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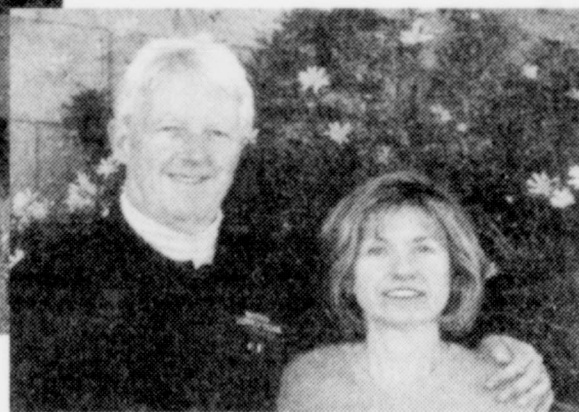
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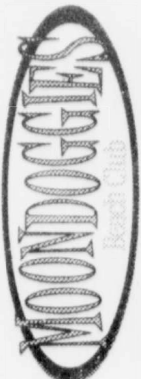
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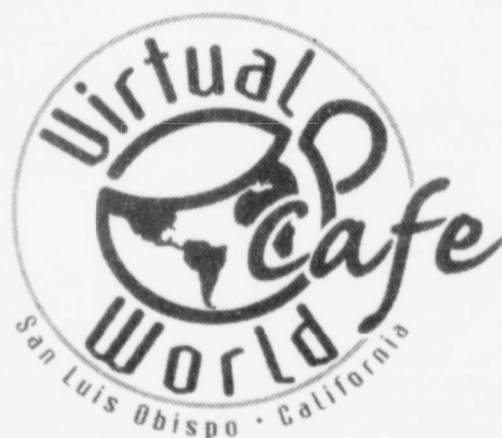
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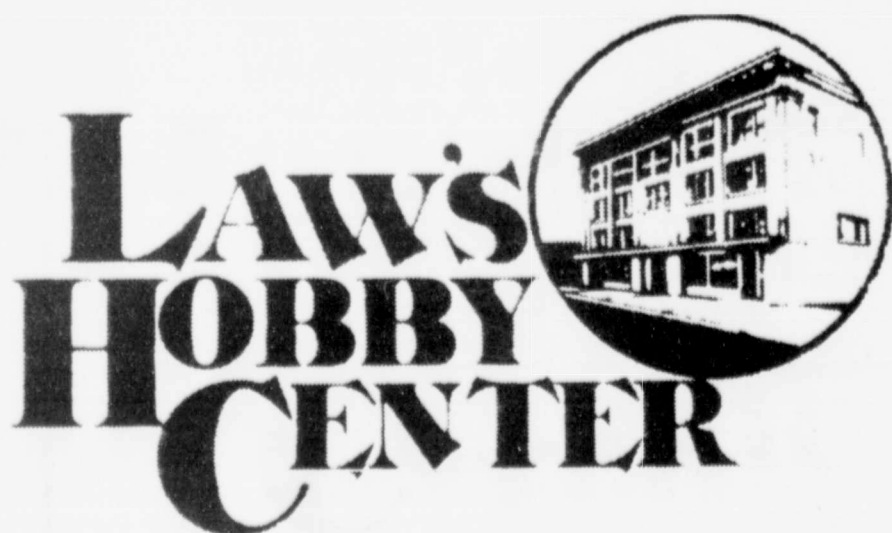
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Letters to the editor

Presentation was more mean than Green Editor,

As a professor of forestry in the natural resource management department, I was very disappointed with the presentation made by Dr. Patrick Moore to the Forestry Honors Society, Xi Sigma Pi. Dr. Moore is a consultant with a company called Green Spirit. By the end of his speech, I knew that what I had heard was the Mean Green Spirit, wearing the cloak of an environmentalist. In a nutshell, Dr. Moore is a slick, smooth-talking public relations representative for the timber industry. He cleverly presented a pre-selected set of half-truths and provided slanted responses to audience questions.

A few examples from his presentation will illustrate how he manipulated data to make it appear that actions of the timber industry are environmentally friendly. He made it sound like clear cutting an old-growth forest was almost a require-

ment to sound forest health by comparing clear cutting to the effects of a wildfire. However, a closer examination of this issue — supported by Forest Service research — indicates that fire and clear cutting effects are very different.

Both types of events will open up the forest and set up the ecosystem for a succession of plant communities. In most fire events some trees survive to develop a mixed-age mosaic on the land in contrast to the even age monoculture following clear cutting. Further, the dead trees remaining on the land after a fire provide wildlife habitat. With a clear cut, all trees are removed.

In another half-truth the speaker said that logging alone never causes any species to fall extinct. He failed to add that logging does destroy habitats causing species to move to less desirable areas. For example, removal of old-growth forest will force spotted the owl into second-growth forest where it may survive, but it will also be subject to higher predation.

A forestry student asked why the

public is opposed to forestry and foresters. The speaker indicated that the problem was due to a lack of strong public relations from the wood industry. In other words, the industry had an undeserved bad reputation. More basic, I believe, is a well deserved lack of public trust in the timber industry.

For example, a few years ago in the Sequoia National Forest, the wood industry agreed to help manage redwood groves. In direct violation of this agreement, they clear cut the white wood species surrounding the redwood grove. This changed the ecosystem that the redwoods needed to survive. It is actions like these that have prompted the public to ask for a greater degree of protection for old-growth forests. President Clinton recently designated about 400,000 acres as a new Sequoia National Monument over the objections of many foresters.

In defense of clear cutting the speaker said that proper clear cutting does not cause increased soil erosion. He said soil erosion is due to poor road construction but did not

expand. Technically, he was correct, but he glossed over the fact that roads are needed to transport the trees unless they are removed by helicopter (thereby increasing the cost of logging). He failed to acknowledge that "proper" methods of clear cutting are very seldom put into practice.

There were many other examples of deception in his presentation. I believe a great disservice was done to students in the audience that night because they didn't get a balanced, objective presentation. Unfortunately, universities are increasingly dependent on industry for funding, and too many businesses have one primary function and that is to make lots of money as fast as they can regardless of environmental and human costs.

Tim O'Keefe is a natural resources management professor.

Hazing is too open for interpretation Editor,

I've had the "pleasure" of being involved in several debates regarding the situation brewing around

Sigma Chi. I guess what really strikes me as odd is that most of the people I've talked to are so concerned about what the school is possibly going to do (what kind of sanctions they might place on the fraternity and named individuals) rather than the criminal charges being brought by the San Luis Obispo district attorney!

While the validity of the charges and the apparent responses can be debated until we are all blue in the face, I would think that most reasonable people would consider pending criminal charges as the biggest problem currently in their lives.

Sure, we are all innocent until proven guilty, but I doubt that the DA's office would consider using their time if they didn't think that there was something else going on here. Beyond that, I think it sounds funny to hear a fraternity have to declare that they don't practice hazing. Isn't that the whole point of a fraternity — to go through some series of events to prove that the pledges belong? I'm guessing that any law regarding hazing is fairly vague and allows for some interpretation by all parties involved, but what if what the plaintiff says is true? The claims sounded fairly severe, but at least the hospital trip can be verified.

While I don't have a personal stake in all this, it'll be interesting to see how the court case plays out and how that affects the school's reaction.

Christopher S. Campbell is an architectural engineering senior who isn't the same Chris Campbell who wrote for the Mustang Daily fall quarter.

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Crime does pay: Ball thief to sell Chamberlain's 100-point ball

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — In 1962, 14-year-old Kerry Ryman sneaked onto the floor just after Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point game with one thing on his mind: "How can I get that ball?"

Amid all the excitement, gaining possession wasn't hard for the lanky teen-ager. He easily weaved through the players and fans, stole the ball and made a fast break, outrunning a security guard.

Thirty-eight years later, Ryman is putting the basketball up for auction.

"It has been a burden in some ways," Ryman, now 52, said from his home in Annville, near Hershey, site of the famous game. "Every anniversary of Wilt's death and every anniversary of the game, people call wanting pictures and interviews. I'm tired of it. I want to put it to rest."

On Thursday, bidding on the ball will start at \$25,000 at Leland's auction house in New York.

Chamberlain, the mighty 7-foot-1 center who died in October at 63, scored 100 points playing for the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks. No one has ever come close to breaking the record.

Owning the ball has brought Ryman loads of criticism over the years.

"It's a tragedy that it has been hidden away all these years," said Chuck Forester of Forester Sports Collectibles in Los Angeles. "It's one of the few artifacts in sports history. You've got the Babe's bat, Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball and then I would say you've got Wilt's ball."

"It's a record that will never be broken. It also was a forerunner of a new style of basketball that was going to become the rule, not the exception."

Collectors and fans are irritated that Wilt's ball was never lent to a museum to be displayed for Chamberlain fans.

They say the ball should have been put on a podium, encased in glass, under soft white lights.

Instead, it has been in a plastic bag in the corner of a closet. Ryman and his friends even played basketball with it for several years.

"This was a time when kids were buying bubble gum and pinning Babe Ruth's card onto the spokes of their bicycle to make a popping noise," Ryman said. "We wanted the ball so we could play with it. We didn't know the value. Since then, it has sat in my closet."

Sports memorabilia collectors are horrified that the ball remained in Ryman's possession, especially since he admitted stealing it.

"It's pretty shady that he would be allowed to keep such a valuable item all of this time," New York sports memorabilia auctioneer Jesse Hannah said. "If I stole \$25,000 from you and the police didn't get it back, you would be pretty darn angry about it. Why is this any different?"

But police did have their chance to reclaim the ball back in 1962.

Gabe Basti, who was working as an arena security officer that night, said Chamberlain didn't want it back.

"I chased the kid over a fence and through the park but never caught up with him," Basti said.

Winningest coach quits Hawks

ATLANTA (AP) — Lenny Wilkens has won more games than any coach in NBA history. He's also out of a job, resigning Monday from the Atlanta Hawks after the worst season of his 27-year career.

The resignation was announced at Philips Arena by team president Stan Kasten and general manager Pete

The decision was not unexpected after the Hawks struggled to a 28-54 record, their worst since moving to Atlanta in 1968. The team missed the playoffs for the first time since 1992, losing 25 of its final 31 games.

"We all concluded mutually that this was a good time to give everybody a chance to start from scratch, start a new chapter in their lives," Kasten said. "While we all agree this is the right decision, it doesn't diminish my sadness that this day had to come."

Before coming to Atlanta, Wilkens had stints in Cleveland, Seattle and Portland. His career record is 1,179-981 and he won his lone NBA championship with the Sonics in 1979.

Wilkens, a nine-time NBA All-Star, and John Wooden are the only people elected to the Hall of Fame as both a player and coach. In 1997, he was honored as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history and one of the 10 greatest coaches, the only person on both lists.

He got his 939th victory in early 1995, passing former Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach. In 1996, Wilkens coached the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in Atlanta after

serving as an assistant in 1992.

The Hawks had at least 50 victories in three of Wilkens' first five years, then finished second in the Central after battling with Indiana until the final week of the strike-shortened 1999 season.

But in a bid to shake up a stale franchise and get past the second round of the playoffs for the first time since moving from St. Louis, Babcock engineered a deal that sent leading scorer Steve Smith to the Portland Trail Blazers for Isaiah Rider and Jim Jackson. The Hawks also traded long-time point guard Mookie Blaylock and wound up with seven new players on the roster.

Rider's discipline problems were well documented, but the Hawks wanted to dump Smith's long-term contract and switch to an up-tempo offense with younger, faster players.

Rider didn't show for the first day of training camp, missed a practice and skipped a team flight. Finally, after two suspensions and the threat of another for repeatedly showing up late, he was waived with 18 games left in a lost season.



Babcock. Wilkens did not attend the news conference but was reached by The Associated Press at his suburban Seattle home.

"The Hawks were very good to me," he said. "It's just time to move on."

The 62-year-old Wilkens, who coached the Hawks for seven years, had two years and \$10.4 million left on a lucrative contract extension signed in 1997. The team said it would continue to pay Wilkens until he finds a new job.

"I still enjoy coaching," Wilkens said. "I want to take some time off and just see what's out there. Hopefully, I will come to some conclusions, but I'm not rushing to do anything."

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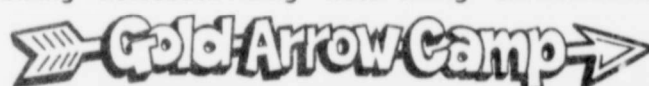
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Webber frustrated with foul trouble vs. Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal was an unstoppable force, averaging a point a minute on an assortment of dunks, finger rolls and bank shots in equaling his career playoff high.

Chris Webber scored at an even higher rate, and easily surpassed his top previous output in the postseason.

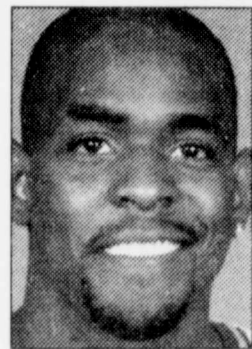
But when Sunday's game between the Los Angeles Lakers and Sacramento Kings was decided in the late going, O'Neal was putting the finishing touches on a 46-point effort and doing the deciding, and Webber was on the bench with six fouls.

"The key man on their team got in foul trouble," said Robert Horry, who spent significant time guarding Webber during the Lakers' 117-107 victory over the Kings in the opener of their first-round series. "A lot of times in playoff games, they let people play. If there's no big harm, they don't call (fouls) with certain people."

Webber wasn't one of those peo-

ple in this game, although A.C. Green, who also spent time defending Webber, pointed out, "Some nights you're going to get the calls, some nights you're not."

Webber picked up three fouls on the offensive end, including his final two — against Horry late in the third quarter, and against Derek Fisher with 6:53 left. Webber had returned to the court just two seconds before fouling out.



CHRIS WEBBER
Forward

The Kings scored 10 straight points after Webber left to draw within six, but the Lakers scored the next six points, four by O'Neal, to clinch the victory.

Horry and Fisher both expressed the opinion Monday that the final two foul calls against Webber were correct.

"I don't think that (last) one was one he could argue about," Fisher said. "Maybe some of the others were. I can understand why he'd be so upset. He's a competitor, and wants to be out there."

Webber, who made his first five shots in the game's opening 5 1/2 minutes and finished with 28 points in 27 minutes, was shaking his head afterward.

"It's the same way with L.A. every time because Horry flops a lot," he said. "If you don't call one charge on Shaq, how can you call a charge on me? I can't make any apologies for playing physical with Horry. That's their plan, to flop and get sympathy on their side."

Kings coach Rick Adelman said he didn't believe the game was officiated the same way at both ends of the court.

Perhaps that's the case, but the Lakers finished with 24 fouls to 19 for the Kings, and Los Angeles was 10-of-14 from the foul line while Sacramento was 26-of-35.

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Dodger than if he hadn't signed? With big-league money, he can take care of his family and further develop the community where he grew up.

Sosa and Martinez have made great lives for themselves and have been model ambassadors for the Dominican Republic. They not only give money, but they follow through on new ballparks and work closely with the youths on the island.

The overwhelming good that has resulted with the signing of young men from the West Indies is phenomenal and clearly great for society.

So why don't they do the same thing in basketball?

Society is constantly looking for ways to get people out of impoverished communities and direct them to a better life. And the NBA is certainly a better life. Lots of people are dealt difficult hands in life, and basketball (just like baseball for men in the West Indies) is a way out.

However, with basketball, society condemns young men for leaving col-

lege early or not going at all. How dare they try to make a better life for themselves and for their family.

The same reproach isn't delivered toward young baseball players who never entertain thoughts of a college education (although now they can go back and get one).

The problem is our own selfishness. College basketball is at least the same if not more popular than its professional counterpart, the NBA. However, college baseball can't compare with Major League Baseball (at least in terms of popularity). We want to see great basketball players play four years in college and use "the young man's best interest" as a scapegoat. The only problem is, no one seems to care about the college education of a talented baseball player.

So if in 10 years Elian wants to stay out of another controversy, he should keep throwing strikes and forget about the jumper. Then he can better his life in peace without any more of us telling him what is in our own (I mean his) best interest.

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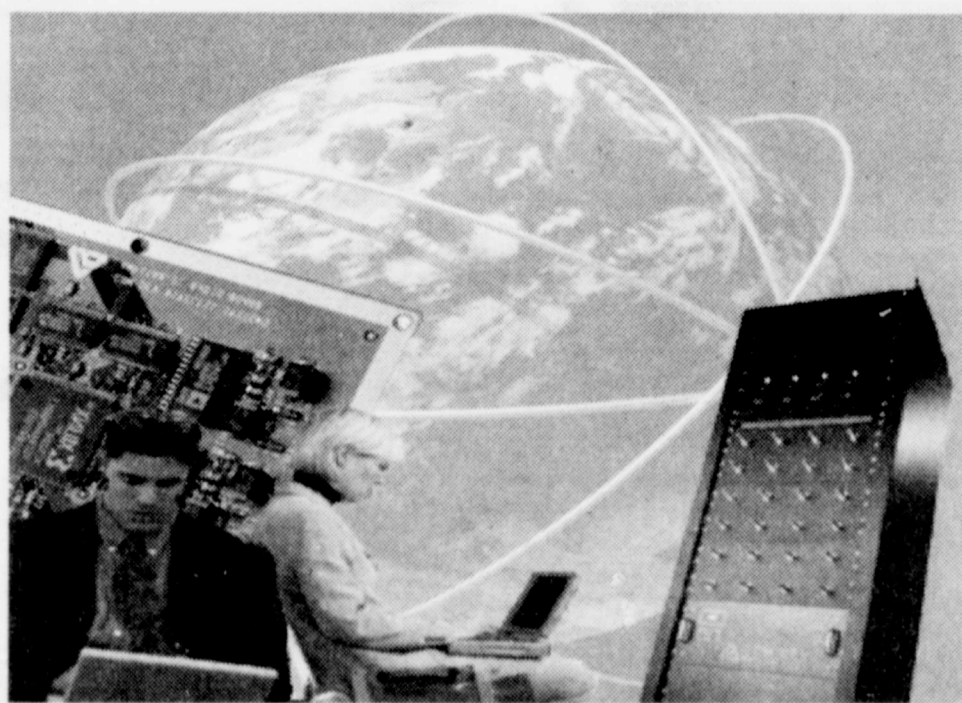
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host to UC Riverside for three games this weekend.

Offensively, the Mustangs will once again lean on power hitting first baseman Steve Wood to drive in runs. Wood is batting .338 and leads the team in home runs with 11.

Stanford (31-10) has power hitters of its own, boasting four players with seven or more homers and two, Edmond Muth (12) and Joe Borchard (11), in double digits. The Cardinal has hit a total of 50 home runs this season, 15 more than the Mustangs.

Stanford's lineup is formidable throughout, with six regulars hitting .300 or better. Cal Poly features four players above .300, with Wood, Jason Barringer and Scott Sheldon both at .323 and Chris Martinez hitting .325.

Cal Poly returns home to play a non-conference series vs. UC Riverside at SLO Stadium this weekend.

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Mustangs travel to No. 4 Stanford

Team can improve regional chances with win in Palo Alto

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

After taking one of three games against No. 18 CSU Fullerton, the Cal Poly Mustangs can improve their chances at making the NCAA regionals with a win against No. 4 Stanford.

A win over a national power like Stanford would certainly solidify Cal Poly's odds of getting invited to the regionals.

The Mustangs (20-20, 11-10) will need another dominant performance from pitching ace Joe Smith, who was named Big West Conference Pitcher of the Week after throwing a nine-inning, five-hit gem vs. the Titans last Thursday. Smith most likely will not throw another full game, with the Mustangs playing

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Big West Baseball Standings

	Conference			Overall	
	W	L	Pct.	W	L
Cal State Fullerton	13	5	.722	24	14
Long Beach State	13	8	.619	25	16
Nevada	11	7	.611	27	14
UC Santa Barbara	11	7	.611	21	18
Sacramento State	10	8	.556	16	24
Cal Poly	11	10	.524	20	20
Pacific	4	14	.222	21	20
New Mexico State	2	16	.111	17	26



First baseman Steve Wood slaps a tag on a diving CSU Fullerton base runner.

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Joe Nolan

If only Elian had a fastball

What if Elian had a fastball?

It may seem funny at first, but think about it. If Elian Gonzalez, 6, could pump 55 on the black and break off a big breaking ball, the Dodgers would have already signed him as a top prospect. Juan Miguel Gonzalez would have on his shiny blue and white Dodger hat, reaping the rewards of a lucrative contract.

Elian is not that lucky yet, but I'm sure Dodger scouts will watch his development closely.

It's not just the Dodgers who raid the West Indies and sign young kids right after puberty. Nearly every Major League Baseball team has a full set of scouts on each island. From Cuba to the Dominican Republic to Jamaica, scouts run camps and tryouts hoping to find the next Sammy Sosa, Vladamir Guerrero or Pedro Martinez.

For the scouts, it's an easy sell. America is the land of opportunity. Each home is furnished with big-screen televisions, and every American has comfortable shoes and two cars. When you're wearing poorly fitting clothes handed down from your older brother and playing on an infield with more rocks than the Grand Canyon, the promise of a better life is really the only choice. It's a choice 95 percent of us would make without batting an eye.

The problem, many say, is several of these kids are just that — kids.

According to Major League Baseball rules, a team can't sign a player until he's at least 16. While it's a great rule in theory, it's nearly impossible to enforce. Birth certificates can't be verified, and all teams can do is take the prospect's word as the truth.

When the Dodgers got caught signing Adrian Beltré too early, they were levied with a small fine. Former manager Tom Lasorda became irate at a press conference, saying that every team does the same thing — the only difference is that the Dodgers got caught.

But isn't Beltré's life better as a

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Blues push series with Sharks to final game tonight

ST. LOUIS (AP) — One more victory and the St. Louis Blues can salvage their reputation.

Trailing 3-1 in their best-of-seven first-round Western Conference series against the San Jose Sharks, the NHL's regular season champions have won two straight to force game seven.

"The pressure was on them for Game 6 and now I think it probably shifts to us," said Blues' right wing Scott Young, coming off his first career playoff hat trick. "Of course, they're not supposed to give up a 3-1 lead, but now that we're home for Game 7, this is what we played for all year."

St. Louis drew even against the No. 8 seed Sharks with a 6-2 victory on Sunday. Now the Blues are once again a confident team, resembling their franchise-record 114-point regular-season form, heading into the finale.

"We just feel like, hey, we did what we needed to do to battle back," center Craig Conroy said. "They had us in a pretty good spot."

Only 15 teams in NHL history have come back from 3-1 deficit. That includes the Blues, who did it last year in the first round against Phoenix when they finished off the Coyotes on the road.

They like their chances this season that much more at home.

"That makes a big difference, once we get the Kiel (Center) rocking," Conroy said. "Just like in Game 5 it was a huge motivational factor."

"You're not feeling that great about yourself, being down 3-1, but the fans are behind you. And Game 7 is going to be the same."

The Sharks were as optimistic as possible after missing their first two chances to eliminate the Blues, who appear to have recovered from their first three-game losing streak of the

season. Win or lose, they've taken the Blues to the limit after finishing 27 points behind them in the regular season.

"It's a one-game series against the best team," Tony Granato said. "We get a one-game shot and we just have to throw everything at them."

"Game 7," defenseman Jeff Norton added, "always brings out the best in everyone."

The Blues hope to rattle Sharks goalie Steve Shields early, just as they did in Game 6 when they scored six goals on their first 13 shots. Shields also was shaky in Game 1, a 5-3 Blues victory, but has been solid in between those games.

"I've already gotten this game out of my system," said Shields, who was pulled after two periods Sunday. "I'm going to have to play relaxed and enjoy the challenge, be ready."

Blues rookie left wing Jochen Hecht had a goal and three assists in

Game 6 and was tied with Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr for the playoff scoring lead at 10 points. Hecht, who has four goals and six assists, had 13 goals and 34 points in 63 regular-season games.

"That's a big difference," Hecht said. "I hope it keeps going like that."

Young and the Sharks' Owen Nolan each had five goals to tie with Toronto's Steve Thomas for the lead in goals, and the Blues' Pierre Turgeon was tied for the lead in assists with seven.

Five of Turgeon's assists have come in the last two games. He outfought Sharks defenseman Mike Rathje for the puck and then beat him down the ice to set up the Blues' first goal in Game 6.

"If you want to win in the playoffs, your best players have to be your best players," Blues coach Joel Quenneville said. "You need everybody."

Sports Trivia

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Briefs

Smith named Pitcher of the Week

Cal Poly starting pitcher Joe Smith was named Big West Conference Pitcher of the Week after pitching a complete game Thursday against No. 18 CSU Fullerton.

The senior allowed only five hits and one run in the complete game 2-1 victory over the Titans.

Smith retired 13 of the first 14 batters he faced in the game. He also struck out seven Titans and walked only two batters in the contest.

Smith outdueled Titan ace Adam Johnson, who allowed only four Mustang hits and struck out 12 batters, but still took the 2-1 loss for Fullerton. Johnson is believed to be a first-round draft pick in the upcoming Major League Baseball entry draft.

Smith has won his last five decisions and has emerged as Cal Poly's top starter. He is 5-2 with a 4.54 ERA for the season.

Smith was expected to be one of Cal Poly's top relievers, starting the season in the bullpen. But, injuries to other starters forced Smith into starting duty where he has excelled.

Schedule

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